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[redacted] in February 1953, the Abus Schwermaschinenbau Heinrich Han V.M. (Heavy Machine Producing Factory) in Wildau was given the 1953 plan by Gerhard Ziller, Minister for Machine Construction which required that as main assignments:

- a. The metallurgical production be increased to a maximum to secure the supply of the Machine Building Department from own production and that therefore, the rolling mills, metallurgical plants and forges be quickly equipped with the necessary installations;
- b. The total production be increased to 234 percent as compared with 1952;
- c. A 6,000 tons press, the first and only one of this size in East Germany be completed in Groeditz to make unnecessary imports of large forgings and presses;¹
- d. A pilgrim step rolling mill train be erected in Riesa to overcome the bottleneck for seamless pipes;²
- e. A rolling mill train urgently needed for rolling plates and medium sheets be erected at Eisenhuetten-Kombinat Ost, Fuerstenberg/Oder;
- f. The rolling mill train for the Brandenburg and the Doehnen plants scheduled to be completed in 1952 be completed;³
- g. The first section of the hot band train for the Finow plant which was scheduled for the rolling of flat bars and was to be enlarged to a train for rolling sheets in 1954 to supply the industry with sheets be completed;
- h. The export order for knuckle joint embossing presses of good quality for Hungary be executed at the dates of delivery agreed upon, since imports of machine tools from Hungary were proceeding satisfactorily.

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Comment. The Krupp-Gruson plant in Magdeburg had the largest press in east Germany with a capacity of 3,000 tons. The 1952 production plan of the Werk Wilsdorf quoted two presses of a capacity of 2,000 and 1,000 tons to be delivered to Greditz.

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3. Comment. The rolling mill train for the Stahl - und Walzwerk Brandenburg is a 850 two-high mill. In 1952, a 2,500 kg air hammer and 650 two-high mill roll housing were under construction.

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